



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5650

LCO No. 1676

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

An Act Concerning The Scope Of The Practice Of Paramedicine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Any person in possession of an automatic external defibrillator
4 shall provide notice of the location of such automatic external
5 defibrillator to the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

6 (b) The Office of Emergency Medical Services shall establish a
7 registry of automatic external defibrillators located within the state
8 and shall establish a procedure facilitating the use of the enhanced 9-1-
9 1 service, as defined in section 28-25, for the location of such automatic
10 external defibrillator nearest to the caller.

11 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner may adopt
12 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
13 [implement the purposes of the registry established by] carry out the
14 provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

15 (d) No paramedic shall be required to be in simultaneous

16 communication with a licensed physician when using an automatic
17 external defibrillator in the practice of paramedicine, as defined in
18 section 20-206jj, as amended by this act.

19 Sec. 2. Subdivision (14) of subsection (b) of section 20-9 of the
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21 thereof:

22 (14) Any person rendering service as a physician assistant licensed
23 pursuant to section 20-12b, a registered nurse, a licensed practical
24 nurse or a [licensed] paramedic, as defined in subdivision (15) of
25 section 19a-175, acting within the scope of regulations adopted
26 pursuant to section 19a-179, if such service is rendered under the
27 supervision, control and responsibility of a licensed physician.

28 Sec. 3. Section 20-206jj of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

30 As used in sections 20-206jj to 20-206oo, inclusive, ["Paramedicine"]
31 "paramedicine" means the carrying out of (1) all phases of
32 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation, (2) the
33 administration of drugs and intravenous solutions under written or
34 oral authorization from a licensed physician, and (3) the
35 administration of controlled substances, as defined in section 21a-240,
36 [under the supervision of a physician by simultaneous
37 communication] as amended, in accordance with written protocols or
38 standing orders of a licensed physician.

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the scope of practice of paramedics.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]